

Sean E. Powers
President
At Large

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

John C. Mullaney
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes
District 3



Charles B. Ryan
Vice President
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Michael J. Owens
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on September 6, 2016 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

Present: Sean Powers, President
Charles Ryan, Vice President
Thomas Bowes
Shannon Hume
Charles Kokoros (arrived @7:55pm)
John Mullaney
Stephen C. O'Brien
Michael Owens

Not Present: Paul Dan Clifford

Also Present: James M. Casey, Town Clerk
Boy Scout Troop (observation hours)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 12, 2016

Motion made by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of July 12, 2016

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (2—Clifford, Kokoros), Abstain (2—Ryan, O'Brien)

- August 16, 2016

Motion made by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of August 16, 2016

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (6), Against (0), Absent (2—Clifford, Kokoros), Abstain (1—O'Brien)

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 027 16 Councilor Clifford: An Obligation to Lead – Opioid Epidemic (Update)
There was no update at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- 16 040 Mayor: Termination of Sewer Easement and Grant of Utility Easement 2001 Washington Street or take up any action relative thereto
The Committee on the Department of Public Works recommendations from Chairman Mullaney were stated it was unanimously voted for favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to TABLE Order 16 040 to September 20, 2016

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2–Clifford, Kokoros), Abstain (0)

- 16 041 National Grid Petition: Wellington Street or take up any action relative thereto
The Committee on the Department of Public Works recommendations from Chairman Mullaney were stated it was unanimously voted for favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Councilor Ryan read the following Motion:

To install and maintain approximately 50 feet of 2 inch gas main in Wellington Street from the existing main at house #25 northerly to house #40 to serve house #40. With the following conditions:

BELD: Engineering has reviewed the NGRID Gas Petition and finds no underground electric utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: This section of Wellington Street is not under moratorium. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2–Clifford, Kokoros), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

SAME NIGHT ACTION REQUESTED:

Council President Powers stated if there are no objections for SAME NIGHT ACTION, we will take Orders 16 043 and Order 16 044 as same night action. Hearing no objection.

- **16 043 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Site or take up any action relative thereto**

James Casey, Town Clerk came to the podium stating for the November 8th State Election there will be early voting for the very first time. Early voting will run for 11 days (October 24 thru November 4). The hours will be Monday thru Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. Tuesday, October 25 and November 1 the Early Voting Site will be open until 7:30pm and on Saturday, October 29 it will be open from 9am-1pm. James Casey stated the Board of Registrars met and recommended Cahill Auditorium at the Braintree Town Hall be designated as the early voting site.

Councilor Ryan made a Motion :

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Braintree, is hereby required to establish, under M.G.L. Chapter 54, § 25B (f), an early voting site to allow any qualified voter, as defined in section 1 of chapter 51, to cast a ballot for any biennial state election during the early voting period. At the recommendation of the Braintree Board of Registrars the Braintree Town Council hereby designates Braintree Town Hall – Cahill Auditorium as Braintree’s early voting site. Further, early voting hours shall be held during the days and hours described under M.G.L. Chapter 54, § 25B (c) with extended hours to 7:30pm on each Tuesday and on each Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm during the eleven business day’s preceding the general election.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2–Clifford, Kokoros), Abstain (0)

- **16 044 Town Clerk: Designation of Central Voting Facility or take up any action relative thereto**

James Casey, Town Clerk stated for the November 8th State Election there will be early voting for the very first time. All the early voting ballots need to be processed beginning at 7am on November 8 in a central location which the Board of Registrars met and recommended Johnson Chambers at the Braintree Town Hall be designated as the central voting facility.

Councilor Ryan made the following Motion:

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Braintree, has the option, under M.G.L. Chapter 54, § 25B (o), of designating a Central Tabulation Facility for the processing and counting of early voting ballots. At the recommendation of the Braintree Board of Registrars the Braintree Town Council hereby designates Braintree Town Hall – Johnson Chambers as Braintree’s Central Tabulation Facility for early voting ballots. Further, the Central Tabulation Facility shall open at 7:00am on Election Day to begin processing early voting ballots in conformance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1–Clifford), Abstain (0)

Motion by Councilor Ryan to refer to following to Committees:

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 16 042 Town Clerk: Code Adoption Ordinance or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1–Clifford), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 16 045 Mayor: Community Preservation Act Committee Appropriation Request - Exterior Restoration of the former Union School – (American Legion) or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1–Clifford), Abstain (0)

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting is - **TUESDAY, September 20, 2016@ 7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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